

## Determining Author's Purpose

**Review** Author's purpose is the reason(s) an author has for writing a particular work. The four most common author purposes are to **inform**, to **persuade**, to **express an opinion or emotion**, and to **entertain**.

**A. Directions:** Read each passage. Infer the *most likely* author's purpose. Write it on the line.

1. The circulatory system is a network of vessels that transports essential substances (such as blood and other fluids) to and from different parts of the body. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Italy is such a great country. What I loved most were the long, delicious meals, and the endless hours I spent sitting in beautiful outdoor cafes. \_\_\_\_\_
3. By now, everyone knows that television is bad for your health, so why are stores allowed to sell televisions? I think it's time to ban them in our country. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Giving blood is something we can all do to help others in need. So when the Blood-Mobile comes to your neighborhood, take the time to give. \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Directions:** Read the passage below. Describe the pattern of organization and the *most likely* author's purpose.

To the Editor:

It's time for public buildings to remove candy and soft drink vending machines. I encourage my children to take healthy lunches and snacks with them when they leave the house, but the city must do its part too. Vending machines make eating junk food too easy and tempting for young people, and it's irresponsible to have them everywhere that children go.

If we help kids develop good eating habits, we'll have healthier adults and less public health costs. There are people making money selling unhealthy foods and drinks to our children. Let's look at where that money comes from and how high the uncounted costs are.

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